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snappy, clever, lovable girls—call me; and

no doubt they're right, though I can't go

so far as to agree with them when they

declare that a man owning to five-and-

fourty years and a dozen white hairs is

decidedly venerable and fearfully gray.

—However, an old bachelor I am dubbed,

and I must confess, if to acquire that

distinction one is obliged to enjoy life to

the utmost, as I do, and be made much

of by lovely women and charming maid-

ens, as I am, I have no serious objection

to the title.

In the first place, my home is a home

in every sense of the word, although

without a mother, or even a mother-in-

law.

I occupy, and have occupied for the

past year, a suite of remarkable pleasant

rooms, the front windows looking on a

city park, and the back on a garden

made delightful by two fine old pen-

stems, a heavy grape-vine, and a sweet-

smelling wistaria. The latter has climb-

ed to my windows, and twining in and

out of the slats of the shutters, effectively

prevents my closing them, but gives me

in recompense great fragrant bunches of

flowers.

Three cheerful rooms are part and

parcel of Mrs. Midget's boarding house. No

I am wrong. Mrs. Midget—Mr. Midget

was lost at sea five years ago—does

not keep a boarding house, but takes a

few select boarders, of whom she is

pleased to intimate she considers the

selectest.

Wonderfully comfortable the few se-

lect find it in Mrs. Midget's shady, old-

fashioned, neatly kept, three-story brick

house.

Everything like wax, my elder sister

says when she comes to visit me here,

which is about once in four weeks—a

day or two after my magazines have ar-

rived.

And the landlady, I invariably reply,

isn't she awful cunning?—so demure in

her ways and speech for such a wet-

thing, and so pretty, with her bright blue

eyes and yellow hair!

But Maria, I can't divine why, pre-

tends not to bear me, or else repeats with

scornful emphasis, "Awful cunning!"

The fact is, I'm so much among my

kinswomen that I often find myself, when

I wish to be particularly emphatic, bor-

rowing their queer adjectives and pecu-

liar forms of expression.

Indeed, once, said Charlie to me the

other day—named for me, Charlotte

(Charles, as near as they could get at it)—

—you're beginning to talk like a girl—and

at your time of life, too! And I didn't

feel at all insulted; for if all girls